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TAGS: CPRS: RETURN OF STOLEN AND EMBEZZLED AIRCRAFT

SUBJECT:INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON AUTOMOBILE THEFT (IACAT)

1. STATE HAS BEEN REPRESENTED AT MEETINGS OF IACAT SINCE ITS FORMATION SOME 30 MONTHS AGO. LAST YEAR REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL MAJOR INSURANCE FIRMS ATTENDED ONE OF THE MEETINGS TO ENLIST ANY AID THEY COULD IN STOPPING THE DRAIN ON THEIR FUNDS RESULTING FROM THE MANY AUTOMOBILES WHICH ARE EITHER STOLEN IN U.S. AND INTRODUCED INTO MEXICO OR IMPOUNDED IN MEXICO AND REPORTED AS STOLEN.

2. ON MARCH 29, 300 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS ARE TO HOLD A MEETING IN HARTFORD AND HAVE REQUESTED IACAT PRESENT A REPORT. FOR THE FIRST TIME THE STATE REP WILL BE IN A POSITION (THANKS TO CONGEN MEXICO EFFORTS) TO PROVIDE A MORE OPTIMISTIC REPORT ON THE OUTLOOK FOR RETURN OF THE VEHICLES AS WELL AS THE MORE LITERAL INTERPRETATION AND MORE PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION. OBVIOUSLY, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT WANT TO PROVIDE AN OVER-ROSY PICTURE OF POTENTIAL FOR SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS OF REPOSSESSION OF  
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AUTOMOBILE AND AIRCRAFT.

3. THE REPORTS AND CABLES FORWARDED TO SCS DURING THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS WILL SERVE WELL AS THE BASIS FOR SCS PRESENTATION AT MEETING. EMBASSY'S GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE EXPANSION OF THAT MATERIAL. THE MAJOR FOCUS OF THE MEETING WILL BE ON AUTOMOBILES, BUT SOME OF THE FIRMS

REPRESENTED UNDERWIRTE AIRCRAFT AS WELL.

4. RESPONSE REQUESTED BY COB 3/24/ TO ALLOW PREPARATION  
PRESENTATION.

5. SCS REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE ALTA FOWLER.  
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